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to: Federal Election Commission,  
Washington, D.C. 20463

# Advance Comment AOR 1990-13

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is in reference to your recent ruling, which takes away the exemption of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), from disclosing the name of its financial contributors to its election campaigns.

The SWP is a bona-fide, voluntary political organization. To my knowledge, there has never been any record of fraud or corruption in its day-to-day activities. Also, like all other major political parties in United States, it runs candidates for office.

Your recent ruling will have a chilling effect on the financial contributors to SWP, because it would subject them to unnecessary pressure and vulnerable to attacks from bosses' outfits, government spy agencies and right-wing groups. The SWP itself is a heavily persecuted party in United States and elsewhere, and its members come under frequent attack by the employers or employer controlled agencies, spy outfits and right-wing elements.

Although your ruling in 1971 was originally intended to prevent unfair competition by candidates, its effect on a small and persecuted political party would have an inverse effect and is thus a violation of SWP's First Amendment rights.

The U.S. government itself had in the past used various agencies (FBI, CIA, INS, etc.) to frustrate the activities of SWP and is a guilty party in my opinion. It therefore, should not have the right to pry into the record of SWP's contributors and sympathizers.

Therefore, I demand that the FEC extend SWP's exemption from campaign disclosure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc.: Socialist Workers National Campaign  
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